

REMARKS

Claim Rejections -- Double Patenting

Claims 1-5 and 16-20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,740,549. Applicants have submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer that is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-5 and 16-20 of the present Application are now allowable.

Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-5 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (f). Applicants have submitted herewith a Request for Correction of Inventorship such that the inventive entity of the present application is now identical to that of US Patent 6,740,549. Applicants respectfully assert that the present Application now meets the requirements of U.S.C. §102. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-5 and 16-20 of the present Application are now allowable.

For the above reasons, the present Application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Kenneth Glass, Applicants' Attorney at (408) 354-4448 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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